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REF: (A) VIENNA 9687; (B) VIENNA 9659

1. THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITS MISSION COMMENTS ON ADDITIONAL SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION UNDER AGENDA ITEM 6 FOR POSSIBLE USE IN DRAFTING OF U.S. DEL POSITION PAPERS.

2. SECRETARIAT HAS ISSUED DOCUMENT ID/B/C.3/62, RESPONSE BY UNIDO TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GROUP OF HIGH-LEVEL EXPERTS ON A LONG-RANGE STRATEGY FOR UNIDO AND TO THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE. THIS SECRETARIAT "NOTE" RESPONDS TO A REQUEST FROM THE WESTERN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES DURING THE LAST SESSION OF THE UNIDO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD (IDB) FOR "A REPORT AND ANALYSIS" OF THE SUBJECT (SEE REPORT OF IDB-XI, SUPPLEMENT 16 (A/32/16), PARA 213).

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3. DOCUMENT DEVOTES A SEPARATE CHAPTER TO EACH OF THE SIX MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GROUP OF HIGH-LEVEL EXPERTS ON A LONG-RANGE STRATEGY FOR UNIDO, AS REVIEWED BY THE IDB AD HOC COMMITTEE. IT PROVIDES DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF UNIDO ACTIONS TO CARRY OUT RECOMMENDATIONS -- E.G., INSTITUTIONAL ADJUSTMENTS MADE, WORK PROGRAMS DEVELOPED, PUBLICATIONS ISSUED -- BUT IN MOST RESPECTS FALLS SHORT OF PRO-

VIDING A USEFUL ANALYSIS OF UNIDO'S EFFECTIVENESS IN MEETING THE SUBSTANCE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS. (THIS IS PERHAPS EXCUSABLE IN PART BECAUSE THE RECOMMENDATIONS COVER VIRTUAGLY EVERY UNIDO ACTIVITY.) MISSION NOTES, /#923;34, THAT CHAPTER V (CENTRAL COORDINATING ROLE) OF THE SECRETARIAT NOTE, IN PARAS 70 AND 71, OFFERS MORE FRANK COMMENT ABOUT THE UNCERTAINTY REGARDING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF UNIDO AS COORDINATOR OF ACTIVITIES THAN DOES THE REPORT ON THE SUBJECT ISSUED BY UNIDO FOR DISCUSSION UNDER AGENDA ITEM 3 (SEE REFTEL B).

4. MISSION ALSO NOTES THAT IN PARA 47, THE SECRETARIAT NOTE REFERS TO "THE SYSTEM OF CONSULTATIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS"; FOR MISSION COMMENT ON A SIMILAR FORMULATION USED IN ANOTHER PC-IX DOCUMENT, (ID/B/C.3/54) SEE REFTEL A, PARA 3(2).

5. MISSION SUGGESTS U.S. DEL THANK SECRETARIAT FOR REPORT WHICH CLEARLY CATEGORIZED UNIDO ACTIVITIES IN RELATION TO THE BROAD GUIDELINES OF THE LONG-RANGE STRATEGY, AND MAKE POINTS OUTLINED ABOVE IN CONTEST OF UNIDO'S COORDINATING ROLE AND THE "SYSTEM...OF NEGOTIATIONS". U.S. DEL SHOULD NOTE THAT REPORT DOES NOT, IN GENERAL, PROVIDE "ANALYSIS" CALLED FOR BY IDB, EXPRESS APPRECIATION OF THE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN MAKING SUCH AN ANALYSIS, BUT SUGGEST THAT CURRENT REPORT BE SEEN AS AN INITIAL STEP TOWARD MEETING

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THE REQUIREMENT FOR A REVIEW OF THE LONG-RANGE STRATEGY OF UNIDO AS CALLED FOR BY THE IDB IN PREPARATION FOR THE THIRD GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNIDO (SEE REFTEL A, PARA 5).

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